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In re application of:

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RESERVOIR AND METHODS

Examiner: J. F. Weiss, Jr.

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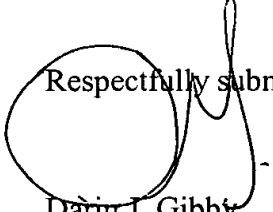
This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 24, 2002. Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group IV, i.e., claims 37-49. This election is made with traverse. More specifically, Applicants traverse the restriction of the claims found in Groups I and II. In the Office Action, the inventions of Groups I and II were considered to be distinct because "The subcombination has separate utility such as being a feed system for non-aerosolization liquid distribution systems." Applicants respectfully disagree. Independent claim 1 claims a feed system for an aerosolizer and independent claim 8 also claims a feed system for an aerosolizer. Hence, the claims in Group I and Group II both require a feed system for an aerosolizer rather than being a feed system for

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non-aerosolization liquid distribution systems as recited in the Office Action. Hence, it is respectfully requested that the restriction as to Groups I and II be withdrawn so that claims 1-28 may be examined together.

Respectfully submitted,


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